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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant HOYA CORPORATION		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

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sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (specify): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (specify): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-15	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-15	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 2002-133649 A (Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd.), 10 May 2002

Document 2: JP 2001-294447 A (Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.), 23 October 2001

Document 3: JP 2002-251716 A (Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd.), 6 September 2002

Document 4: JP 2001-341058 A (Nihon Micro Coating Co., Ltd.), 11 December 2001

Claims 1-15: Documents 1-4

Document 1 (paragraphs [0035]-[0085] and fig. 1) discloses substrates for information recording media and a method for manufacturing the same wherein texture processing is carried out after polishing the glass substrates.

Document 2 (paragraphs [0018]-[0019]) discloses a technique whereby the surface of glass is rinsed using an acidic rinsing solution in order to give a high silicon oxide content in the surface layer.

Documents 3 and 4 disclose glass substrates for information recording media and processes for the

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production thereof wherein the average roughness (Ra) of the substrate surface is 1.5 nm or less.

A person skilled in the art could easily apply the technique disclosed in document 2 for giving a high silicon oxide content in the surface layer, and/or a technique disclosed in documents 3 and 4 for giving an average surface roughness (Ra) of 1.5 nm or less, in the substrates for information recording media and the method for manufacturing the same disclosed in document 1.